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KC FELON INDICTED FOR POSSESSION, INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE CRACK COCAINE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that a Kansas City, Mo., felon was indicted by a federal grand jury for possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine and illegal possession of a firearm.

Carlos R. Brandon, 28, of Kansas City, Mo., was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Oct. 29, 2004, in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Brandon** possessed with intent to distribute crack cocaine on Sept. 29, 2004. The indictment alleges that the amount of crack cocaine that he possessed was at least 35 grams but not more than 50 grams and that **Brandon** possessed a firearm in connection with Count One.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Brandon** was a felon in possession of a firearm. Specifically, the indictment alleges that **Brandon** possessed a Norinco MAK-90 and a Ruger 9 mm pistol on Sept. 29, 2004. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Brandon** has a 1996 criminal felony conviction for involuntary manslaughter, two 1996 criminal felony convictions for possession of a controlled substance and a 1993 criminal felony conviction for unlawful use of a weapon.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney P.J. O'Connor. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal jury, whose duty is to determine guilty or innocence.

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